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## December Theme – Generosity

*Generosity is shown by being thoughtful about the needs of others.*

### Upcoming Dates To Remember

<b>Nov 26<sup>th</sup></b>	P.J. Day
<b>Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Report Card
	PAC Holiday Craft Night – 5:30 – 7:00
<b>Dec 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Hot Lunch – Salad Bar
<b>Dec 10<sup>th</sup></b>	All School Skating – N.I.C. arena from 10-11
<b>Dec 13<sup>th</sup></b>	South Wellington's Christmas shopping
<b>Dec 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Concert
	Hot lunch - Subs
<b>Dec 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of classes
<b>Jan 4<sup>th</sup></b>	School Opens
<b>Jan 6</b>	Hot Lunch – Salad Bar
<b>Jan 20</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>Jan 21</b>	Crazy hair day



### ***Principal/Vice Principal's Message***

It is hard to believe that December is around the corner and that there are only three weeks remaining until Winter Break! There is a great deal of positive energy and enthusiasm building among the students (and staff). We have a variety of exciting events occurring that we are looking forward to during the next three weeks. One event we are very excited about is our Christmas Musical, "My Magical Sleigh". The students are busy practicing their lines and songs in music class and during scheduled rehearsals. This musical will take place on **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** with a **1:30pm** dress rehearsal followed by a **6:30 pm** performance. We look forward to seeing students, families and members of our community at the show!

*Larry Dean & Eileen Jubinville*

### ***Report Cards***

On December 1st your child will be bringing home a updated report card format. These new formats were designed by a District Committee and they were updated to comply with the Ministry of Education guidelines for reporting and to respond to elementary educators' requests. There are three different report cards: Kindergarten, Primary and Intermediate. The report card has three sections: The first page on which the students' progress using a performance scale or letter grades for the term are entered. The second page, on which the teacher's comments are entered. The third section is the Summary of Learning

Document, which is an outline of prescribed learning outcomes covered by the class for the past term.

This time of year presents a great opportunity for you and your child to discuss the success and challenges of this first term. Teachers work very hard to communicate student progress accurately within the report card template. Remember, behind every performance scale number and letter grade there is a story about your child's progress in school. Use the report card as a starting point for conversations with your child to maximize your child's success in school in the second term.

### ***Virtue Program***

Our virtue for December is Generosity. This month children will be reminded of the importance of *What is Generosity* by being thoughtful about the needs of others. You are practicing Generosity when you give freely without expectation of reward.

### ***Kindergarten Registration***

If you have or know of a child who was born in 2006 and will be five years of age before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, then he/she will be eligible for Kindergarten in September. Birth Certificates must be presented at time of registration. Please be sure to include your child's Care Card number on the registration form. Registration will begin in January and to ensure your enrolment in your catchment school, you must register no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> 2011.

### ***Breakfast with Santa***

SWACA presents Breakfast With Santa and Photos by professional photographer Terry Patterson.



**Saturday, December 11, 9:30am – 11:30am, in the gym.**

Small Breakfast is \$1 and includes 1 sausage, 1 pancake, fruit salad and drink, Large Breakfast is \$3 and includes 3 sausages, 3 pancakes fruit salad and drink. For more info email [theseggies@shaw.ca](mailto:theseggies@shaw.ca) or call Krista at 250-245-0440.

### ***PAC Holiday Craft Night, Wednesday December 1, 5:30pm – 7pm***

Bring the family out to create a festive holiday arrangement or fun holiday craft. Bring your favorite vase, hanging basket (still containing the dirt) or container to fill, bring an extra container to share, or create something using our containers. All greens and decorations will be supplied, but feel free to bring along something you think would look great! Light refreshments will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Family fun at a great price, \$2 each person or \$8 for a family of 5; make as many crafts/arrangements as you like! Families not registered at our school are also welcome! Please fill out the paperwork that was sent home or extra copies are provided outside of the office door.



**Web Calendar:**

Our link is live on the SD#68 Web Page in 2 areas:

1. Under the schools tab – go to South Wellington.
2. Under the Parents or Students Tab - go to Calendar.

**Hot Lunch**

We are looking for bakers for hot lunch treats. The salad bar day is all inclusive, but on the alternate hot lunch day, we would prefer to provide the kids with nice home-baked treats. Anyone who is willing to donate a batch of cookies, muffins or cupcakes on an occasional basis throughout the year, please call me. I would only ask for about 2 dozen items at a time per baker, less frequently than once per month. If you would like to help out please call Kerri Orser (250-754-5543) to add your name to the Baker's List.

**South Wellington Star Students**

Recognition goes out to the following South Wellington students “caught doing good deeds ...”

- Intermediate – Kyle (2x)**  
**Primary – Liam, Jacob, Krystal, and Nina**  
**Litter Buster – Adah, and Kyle**

**Good Food Box Program**

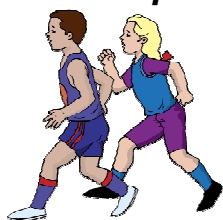
If you are interested in receiving a food box full of fresh produce, sign up for the Good Food Box Program; only \$11/box. You may order anytime, on or before the first Tuesday of each month. Pick up is on the second Wednesday of each month from 2:15-2:45 in the covered patio at the front of the school. Remember to bring a box or bag to put your produce in.



**Pennies For Presents**

It's not too late to bring in your pennies. South Wellington is once again participating in The **Pennies for Presents** campaign. Please bring your pennies to the school. The challenge is to beat the combined weight of the VP and the PAC president (last year they beat the weight of the PAC President). The Service Committee is making a “thermometer” graph for the hallway, keeping track of the weight of pennies collected. The collection started on Nov 15 and will run until Dec 15th.

**Sports**



Congratulations to our Grade 3-7 Cross Country team District qualifiers who represented our school admirably at the District Championships on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Rotary Bowl. Well done Kianna McCreight, Dakota Plensky, Felicia McCreight and Adam Ganderton. Thank you to the parents for assisting with transportation and supervision of students.



Volleyball season is here and South Wellington is participating in District league play with two teams; a PeeWee girl's team and a PeeWee boy's team. Join us for the home games and help cheer on our players.

### ***School Closures Due to Snow***

If Schools are closed due to snow or any other problems such as power outages or bad weather, announcements will be on the local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM and WAVE 102.3 FM) by 7:00 am on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

### ***South Wellington Snow Policy***

With the recent snow fall, we'd like to remind parents and students of the "snow policy" at South Wellington. The following rules are enforced for the safety of students:

There is "no snowball throwing" on the South Wellington grounds. Students are not to participate in activities that may injure other students such as face washing or kicking snow at each other. Simply – don't pick up any snow and throw it.

It is important that our students understand the rules and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury, especially to a person if struck in the eye. Students will be removed from the playground if they choose to participate in activities that could injure other students. We do have a small hill that we allow students to responsibly slide down. No metal or wooden sleds please.

Please remember to "**dress for the weather**" – students should come prepared to be outside for both recesses (boots, mitts, hats, coats).

### ***Christmas Concert***

Plans are already underway for our Christmas Concert on **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a dress rehearsal at 1:30 pm and the Evening performance will be at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Mathieson is coordinating a school musical called "**My Magical Sleigh**". If you can assist with costume and/or set preparation please contact Mrs. Mathieson at the school at **250.754.2873** or by email at [laurie.mathieson@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:laurie.mathieson@sd68.bc.ca).

### ***Christmas Hampers***

Cedar Community Police Department **will not** be providing hampers to any families this year as they are linking with the Salvation Army so any families that are in need of a hamper please contact the Salvation Army.

### ***Imagination Station***

Our school is fortunate to have an Imagination Station for the use of pre-school aged children in our community. The times will run the same as last year Tuesdays afternoons from 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm and Thursday mornings from 8:45

am – 10:00 am. Thank you to the Cedar Community Programs and our PAC for their efforts.

### ***Internet Safety 101 for Parents***

It is estimated that there is approximately 1.5 billion people online, a large segment of which are children, pre-teens, teens, and young adults. In a recent published Canadian research paper called, “Young Canadians in a Wired World”, 99% of youth interviewed stated that they had surfed the Internet, and 78% stated that they have home access to the World Wide Web. When you consider the fact that in the year 2000 the FBI found at least 23,000 child pornography sites, 420 million pages of pornography, and over 500,000 online photos showing sexual acts involving minors, it becomes obvious that we need to be educated on Internet safety.

On **December 2, 2010** Woodlands Secondary will be presenting Mr. Darren Laur of Personal Protection Systems. Mr. Laur is a nationally recognized expert in safety awareness and self-protection strategies. This free presentation is open to parents and the community at **7:00 PM in the Gym (Doors open at 6:30)**.

Mr. Laur’s presentation titled “**Internet Safety 101 for Parents**” includes:

- What is the Internet
- Internet stats and facts
- When to be concerned when your child is on-line
- The Four Steps to Internet safety that all parents should know
- Hardware/software monitoring/protection issues
- Internet filtering.....the Pro’s and Con’s
- Internet Chat Abbreviations and Acronyms all parents should be aware of
- What are Chat Rooms, Instant Messaging, and SMS Text Messaging
- The Good and bad of “Social Networks” such as My Space and Nexopia
- Safe Blogging
- The Dangers of Screen Names and Profiles
- The Internet Predator
- The “Grooming” process and the “Lures” used in Chat Rooms
- How the Internet Predator uses “Social Engineering” to build rapport
- Actual Social Engineering examples using local teen profiles located on Nexopia and My Space
- What is Cyber Bullying/Violence and what can be done to stop it

- The “Dark Side” of the Internet
- “Mouse Trapping” what is it, and how to escape from it
- Shopping on-line - how to do it safely
- What are Viruses, Worms, Trojan Horses, Spam, and Spyware and what you can do to protect yourself from them
- How to protect yourself from Phishing and Spoofing
- The Dangers of Wireless Networks (Wi-Fi) and what you can do to minimize the threats
- On-line www resources of value

It is a fact, that most children know more about the workings of the Internet, than we as parents do. This seminar is designed to educate even the most computer-illiterate parent. Knowledge, and the understanding and application of that knowledge, is power. This seminar provides the knowledge and information that parents need to know about the Internet, if their children are surfing in cyberspace.

If you are a parent, it is important for you to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Beeston @ Woodlands Secondary School at **250-753-2271**.

***What you can do to stay healthy and avoid the flu:***

- Get immunized.
- Stay home when you’re sick or have influenza symptoms.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands - use your upper arm or a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizers.

**Washing your hands is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of infectious disease, such as a cold, the flu or infectious diarrhea.**

